

Remarks

Claims 112-121 are canceled herein. Applicants reserve the right to claim the subject matter of the original claims in continuing applications. Claim 27 is amended and claim 122 is added herein. Support for amended claim 27 and new claim 122 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 22, line 12 and page 24, lines 8-24 of the specification. Claims 27, 36, 92-95, 111 and 122 are pending in the application.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 27, 36, 92-95 and 111 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pebbles (U.S. Patent No. 2,835,586) and Getler *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,773,061) as evidenced by the teachings of Fassolitis *et al.* (*Appl. Env. Micro.*, 42:200-203 (1981)). (Office Action, page 2.) Applicants respectfully disagree but, in order to facilitate prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims.

Claim 27 has been amended to recite “wherein said agglomerated powder comprises a biological buffer.” New dependent claim 122 recites that the biological buffer is N-2-Hydroxyethylpiperazine-N’-2-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES). The amended claims are now directed to agglomerated eukaryotic cell culture medium powders which comprise biological buffers. The cited references Pebbles, Getler *et al.* and Fassolitis *et al.* relate to powdered milk material which does not contain biological buffers (*e.g.*, HEPES). Because the cited references do not disclose all of the limitations of the amended claims, the amended claims are not anticipated by these references.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete Reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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